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### SPITTOON WASHERS

The Work Is Honorable

SO SAYS J. C. CUNNINGHAM

GOOD UNDER ONE AS UNDER THE OTHER.

A Poor Plea for Democracy—Compliments the Deserter.

Editor of The Bee:

The cartoon on the front page of your very valuable paper moves me to say a few words in behalf of some men of the Negro race who are neither too high nor too low to work for an honest living.

The cartoon in question is intended to belittle the so-called Negro Democrats for being thrifty enough to work and make an honest living for themselves and their families by accepting the disgraceful (?) places of washing spittoons at the Capitol.

These places were given to the colored brother by the Democrats who control the patronage of the present Congress. Did not colored Republicans hold the same disgraceful (?) places under the Republican rule? Is washing spittoons under a Democratic rule any more humiliating than under the Republican rule? Work is honorable, Mr. Editor, and our people should certainly be encouraged to stick to it whenever and wherever they can get it. Everybody can't be messengers, clerks and ministers to foreign lands. There must be somebody to begin at the bottom; and if the colored brother doesn't catch hold of the opportunities thrown out to him his white brother will. These colored Democrats should rejoice in the fact that there are hundreds of colored Republicans in the various government departments here who, too, are holding down spittoon jobs that were given them as a reward for their faithfulness to their Republican friends in Congress. So, Mr. Editor, it has come to the point where it is a little embarrassing for the kettle to call the pot black.

The colored race has some friends in the Democratic party—and he is a mighty big fool who thinks that the race hasn't any enemies in the Republican ranks. The Negro, Mr. Editor, has received some of his deepest stabs in the house of his so-called Republican friends. Yet he is admonished to remain true to all of them because a few of them have favored several big Negroes of the race by giving them places above the spittoon job.

I was born and reared in the South. And, Mr. Editor, if I remember correctly, there was no disfranchisement of the colored voters, neither was there any jim crow cars set apart for the humiliation of the colored race, until after the birth of that damnable Lilly White Republican party. Let us endeavor to give honor to whom honor is due. It should be borne in mind that the Democrats of New York, Ohio, and some of the other States have given the colored voters some very good places since the political storm which swept over all the earth in November, 1910. All of this goes to show that the leaders in the other party is sitting up and are taking notice accordingly. The time is at hand when the colored people must grasp every opportunity in capturing friends in all political parties. And why should the colored men spend so much time in the schools and colleges if they never will learn to cast their votes for men and measures? Will the Negro race never cease to cast its votes for nothing save for a "vote of thanks" because some individual person has been given a job? If the Negro has no other motive in view for casting his vote, then we say, he ought to be disfranchised—and the sooner the better.

The people generally look to the newspapers for safe guidance, and they should be given the true facts in all that tends for the best interest of the race. Let us give our white friends due credit for all that has been done for the recognition of the worthy and capable men of the colored race. Now it is stated that nine new places have been opened up and given to colored men under this present administration. We feel quite sure that this statement was not intended to mislead the intelligent public, but that it is simply a mistake. Out of the nine places spoken of there are only three new places, viz.: an assistant Attorney General, a collector of customs and a supervisor of Indian schools. All the rest of the places spoken of were given to colored men by former Presidents—one of them, the Recorder of Deeds, was given to a colored man by the late Democratic President, Grover Cleveland; and who knows what such broad-hearted men as Speaker Champ Clark or Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, would do in the way of recognizing their colored friends once they get in the White House?

Yes, Democratic spittoon washers in the Capitol are just as good as Republican spittoon washers in the government departments. Can any one tell us the difference? Is there any difference? Echo answers "Is there any difference?"

It is the duty of the colored press to encourage our people to work; for there is too much unnecessary idleness among them. Work is honorable, whether washing spittoons, sweeping the streets, carrying the hod, or digging in the sewer; and those who condemn it seem to be in favor of filling the jails and penitentiaries with our people.

JOSEPH C. CUNNINGHAM.

A. A. Order Nobles M. S.

The Imperial Council of the Nobles of M. S. will hold its annual session in Atlantic City, N. J., on the first Wednesday in September.

Mecca Temple No. 10, of this city, has perfected plans through the Committee of Nobles, C. D. Freeman, J. Richardson and W. H. Severson, to leave this city at 10 o'clock a. m., on Labor Day. The Nobles are very much enthused over the anticipated pilgrimage to the oasis of New Jersey, and from the outlook, the caravan will be largely augmented by a large number of their friends and followers.

Past Imperial High Priest and Prophet Noble Severson delivered the Thanksgiving sermon to Oasis Court No. 2, Daughters of Isis, in their court room at Masonic Hall, Sunday before last, and was fairly attended, owing to the short notice, but it is anticipated that the Thanksgiving sermons in the future will be much better attended, as the Grand Court of the Daughters of Isis has decreed that these Thanksgiving sermons must be held annually.

Most of the female departments of the Eastern Star and Hibernians of Jericho have called off their meetings until September.

K. T.—There is much interest being manifested all over the country in connection with the International Conference to be held by the Knights Templars in this city in 1912.

Dr. Coleman in New Quarters.

Dr. Julia H. P. Coleman, one of the most enterprising and active women in this country, has moved from 643 Florida avenue northwest to 1113 U street northwest, where she has opened new quarters. Dr. Coleman's business has grown to such an extent within the last year that it has forced her to go into new and larger quarters. Don't fail to call and see her.



EX-COMMISSIONER HENRY L. WEST

The Man the People Want. No Negro Policemen have been Appointed Since His Retirement from Commissionership.

### A GREAT MEETING

People of Many Tongues

MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS

Tells of the World Meeting at Philadelphia—A Great Woman Tells What She Saw.

We have just returned from the meeting of the Northern Baptists and the Baptist World Alliance. Both of these meetings were held in the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Convention of Northern Baptists brought together over two thousand delegates of the North, that section of our country that stands out pre-eminently for religious and civil freedom, and that has been foremost in the work of extending the Master's Kingdom to all the people of the earth.

The Philadelphia meeting was a record-breaking one in many respects. The attendance was unusually large, and sermons and addresses showed that vision, that knowledge, that faith, that courage, necessary to put the Gospel within the reach of all men in our generation.

The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society held its meeting at the same time and place. These consecrated women who began their work in the seventies, came up to the Philadelphia meeting rejoicing over what had been accomplished, but more conscious than ever, that the fields are white and the harvest waiting, as listened to the reports of missionaries from India, China, Burma, Africa and the Isles of the Sea. We saw the door of opportunity wide open, and we heard the voice of the Master thrice through the appeals of His disciples saying unto us, "Why crieth thou unto me? Go forward."

It was our privilege to address the Northern Baptist Convention upon "Some Practical Ways of Solving the Race Problem." Space will not allow us to give the address, but the Philadelphia Press in commenting upon the address says: "Miss N. H. Burroughs electrified the Northern Baptist Convention with a plea for the colored race of the United States."

We had with us a quintette from our training school, consisting of Misses Delia Rudolph, of South Africa, Marion Dozier, of Pensacola, Fla., Geneva Cowles, of Xenia, Ohio, Ophelia Porter, of New Orleans, La., and Frankie Turner, of Atlanta, Ga. These young women made a most profound impression upon that great audience. Men and women were moved to tears and to shouts of joy and praise.

Following the Northern Baptist Convention came the Baptist World Alliance. Men and women from every corner of the earth in which Baptists are doing work for the Lord, came to the meeting to tell of the triumphs of the cross. Language fails to describe the inspiring impression that the heroes from the field of conflict with sin and heathenism, had upon one who loves the Lord and is anxious to know that victory is being achieved on Israel's side.

It will be remembered that the Alliance met in the city of London just six years ago, and we have heard around the world the story of that great meeting. The Philadelphia meeting surpassed the London meeting in many respects. But I was particularly impressed with the fact that the heralds of the cross are becoming more and more like Paul—"ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Who can forget

that company of Russians who had been put in prison for the preaching of the Gospel, but secured a release, under heavy bond, to come to the World meeting to tell of the awakening in Russia, and of the opportunity of the denomination to go in and possess the land.

One is also impressed with the personnel of the convention. Dr. Clifford, of London, one of God's greatest gifts to the Christian church, is the president of the Alliance. He is easily the foremost churchman of our times. His deep piety, his scholarship, his youthfulness and activity, though he is approaching eighty, is an evidence of the fulfillment of God's promise to renew the strength of his beloved that they may mount up as with wings as eagles, that we may walk and never tire, that we may walk and never faint. Dr. Clifford's clear voice could be heard to the farthest corner of the great hall. His address was the most impressive delivered to the Christian church since the Sermon on the Mount.

One of the most interesting features of the World meeting was the "roll call of Nations" to which more than sixty races responded. Many could not speak a word of English, but their interpreters were with them, and while they spoke in different tongues, we were all talking about Jesus, the mighty to save. Think of men coming eighteen and twenty thousand miles to deliver a three-minute address on the triumphs of the cross in their land. We were thus convinced that Christ has so filled men with love for Him that distance is annihilated and time is no consideration.

Another rich and rare treat was the sermon to the Alliance by that saintly, scholarly divine, Thomas Phillips, of England, who talked to us for more than an hour on the subject of "Grace." Oh, it was good to be there! Had we heard nothing more than the annual address by Dr. Clifford, the responses to the roll call from delegates from all quarters of the earth, and the sermon by Dr. Phillips, we would have been fully repaid, not only for having come the long distance, but for having labored a lifetime for the Christ who had been carrying on His work of grace in the hearts of these men. But this was, by no means, the end to the good things that we were to have. There were addresses upon every phase of work and a look upon every field upon which we are operating, to enlarge our vision and strengthen our determination to never lay the armor down until these fields that are ripe have been harvested.

The National Baptist Convention was ably represented by its president, Dr. E. C. Morris, who spoke upon the "Negro Work for the Negro." His address is in pamphlet form, and should be read by Christians everywhere, regardless of race or color.

Dr. Booker T. Washington was one of the speakers before the Alliance. It was not our privilege to hear his address for the reason that we had been invited to address a mass meeting for women at another church.

It is pleasing to observe that the women of the world had a large share in the Alliance meeting. The work and worth of women in christianizing the world were considered a power that must be reckoned with. The great World Woman's Mass Meeting was one of the most inspiring features of the Convention. Woman's committee was formed, and will be the means of bringing all women in touch with the world movement. We were on the program to represent the colored women, and we tried to do so to the best of our ability. Following our address, the quintette sang again, but this time not before Northern Baptists only, but before the Baptists

of the world. It was in this meeting that we were impressed with the fact that those who serve the Lord have rare opportunities of coming in contact with the royalty of the earth. I am sure this is the first time in the history of the world that a company of Negro girls have had the opportunity of singing to the world assembled in one great meeting. Young women, it pays to dedicate your talents to a great cause.

Dr. C. E. Walker, that popular Georgia divine, led the devotional service at one session of the Alliance. But we must not talk longer. The meeting of the Alliance has given us the World Vision, world information, and deeper consecration to the cause of Christ. It has strengthened the brotherhood feeling, and it has sent thousands forth, determined to win the world for Jesus in this generation.

I must not close, however, before saying a word about the attendance of our people, and of the good treatment we received at the hands of all people of Philadelphia. So far as we were personally concerned, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, vied with each other in their effort to make our stay pleasant and profitable. We were on the go for two weeks. Our girls were most courteously treated, and in the home of Mrs. Eva Johnson, in which we were entertained, every wish was anticipated. Time did not permit us to enjoy much of the social side, and yet, somehow or other, Mrs. Johnson, who is a most charming hostess, slipped in a reception and a tennis party.

There were quite two hundred colored delegates, mostly men, in attendance upon the Alliance. Dr. E. W. Moore, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, deserves special thanks for the care he took of the colored delegation, and we wish personally to thank him and his good people for their great Woman's Mass Meeting on Friday. We were being overwhelmed with requests to deliver addresses and for the girls to sing. Most of the invitations were turned down for a lack of time and strength. We did, however, address a Union Mass meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at the Verick A. M. E. Church.

Let us not forget to mention that a young man was converted at Dr. Park's church under the singing of the quintette. It was a glorious Sabbath morning, and we were about to adjourn when someone asked "Please let those young girls sing again." They sang one of the songs of the Fathers—"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door—Knocks Like Jesus—Somebody's Knocking at your door." No one made an appeal, but the young man heard the knocking and he let the Savior in.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS.

Smith Ely, mayor of New York in 1877-78, died in Livingston, N. J., last week.

Mr. William A. Howard, a colored business man of New Orleans, La., has invented a sugar cane loader, which has proved a success both in New Orleans and in Mexico. With this loader three men can do the work that fifteen formerly did.

Two earthquake shocks, the heaviest since the big shake of 1906, and separated by only a few seconds, jarred the central portion of California and Western Nevada, last Sunday.

More than thirty Gaston County cotton mills in North Carolina are closed for the next two weeks owing to the unfavorable condition of the yarn market.

The McLane and Swift grain elevator at Battle Creek, Mich., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, half of which is on corn, wheat and oats stored in the building.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

The Pennsylvania Society of New York, on July 13, will place a tablet to the memory of William Penn, in the Church of All Hallows, Barking London, in which Penn was baptized October 23, 1644. Ambassador Reid will unveil the tablet.

Dr. William M. Davidson, the new superintendent of schools in this city, believes not only in the three "R's" in education, but also in the three "H's" and three "I's". The Head, Heart and Hand, and Information, Illumination and Inspiration.

Samuel Battle, who was appointed on the police force in New York City June 28, is the first colored man appointed in New York City.

The Tuskegee Student says 1,700 crates of peaches have thus far been harvested from the Tuskegee Institute peach orchard. During the month of June 1,000 crates were sold to Georgia and Alabama markets.

A colored drug store is to be opened by a company in Boston, the first one of its kind.

Chang Ying Tang, the Chinese Minister, is in Mexico City to enforce the collection of the indemnity for the Chinese who were killed in the Torreón massacre. It is said the Chinese government demands 33,000,000 pesos.

Hoke Smith was inaugurated Governor of Georgia for the second time, defeating John M. Brown. Gov. Smith is mentioned as a probable candidate for the United States Senate when a successor to Senator Terrell will be needed.

Mrs. Hetty Green has sold another parcel of her large realty holdings in Chicago for \$155,000.

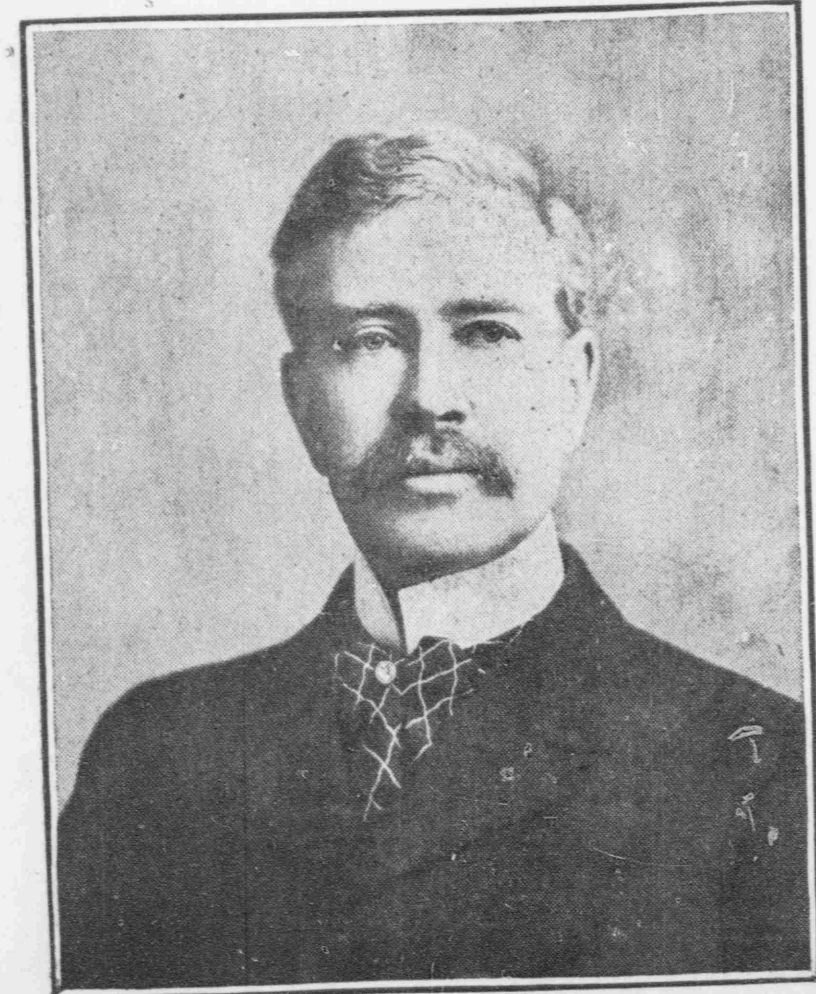
Thirty-one years ago Miss Cora Clemens Buchanan was given a Pennsylvania railroad ticket. Last week she used the same ticket, traveling from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. The Pennsylvania railroad will frame the ticket and place it in the railroad museum.

The following courses have been added to the Summer School at Tuskegee, Ala.: Civics, English Literature, Negro History, Drawing and Methods of Management.

The first Confederate soldier taken prisoner in the civil war is dead. He was John T. Ball, of Chantilly, Va. Edward Luck, an American resident of Paris, has presented to the Malmesbury Museum the camp chair and bed used by Napoleon Bonaparte while he was a prisoner on the Island of St. Helena.

One hundred and thirty-five years ago, John Adams, then a member from Massachusetts, of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, later second President of the United States, wrote to his wife saying July 1776 will be the most memorial epoch in the history of America, and it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.

George T. Bouton, clerk of the street and water board in Jersey City, N. J., who has just retired after thirty years of service, while cleaning up his desk found a certified check for \$5,000 that had been tucked away among papers for fifteen years. The check was drawn by a West Virginia coal company. It was returned to the same company.



HON. MARLIN EDGAR OLMSTED



SENATOR W. WARNTER OF MISSOURI.